

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q94468

Toshihisa KOMORI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/576,496

Group Art Unit: 1636

Confirmation No.: 4656

Examiner: Jennifer Ann Dunston

Filed: April 20, 2006

For: BONE AND/OR JOINT DISEASE-ASSOCIATED GENES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This responds to the Restriction Requirement, dated May 14, 2008. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group II, Claims 5-7, for examination. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more Divisional Applications directed to non-elected subject matter.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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